

October 5, 2006

Mr. Jeff Koenings
Director
Department of Fish and Wildlife
600 Capitol Way
Olympia, Wa. 98501

Dear Mr. Koenings:

I am writing this brief note to express my appreciation for the obvious attention and hard work that has gone into preparing the Samish unit of the Skagit Wildlife Area for the 2006 waterfowl season.

I have hunted the Samish unit for a number of years and have never seen it looking better; the corn and barley plantings are heavy and lush, carefully laid out, and look spectacular (the safety zone corn plantings bordering the roads are also a great idea). When the fall rains come this unit will assuredly offer excellent hunting. Quite frankly, I don't know that much more could be done to improve this area.

Please convey my congratulations and thanks to the highly competent and committed Fir Island staff for an extraordinary and superb job in preparing this unit for the upcoming waterfowl season.

Sincerely,


John Orrelle

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